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SUBJECT: UNESCO MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES DRAFT DECLARA-
TION: YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL ON
PREAMBULAR REFERENCE TO UNGA RES. 3379

REF: HEATER-STOWE REFTELCON

1. YUGOSLAV DRAFT RESOLUTION (CITED REFTELCON AND SENT SEPTTEL AMENDING PREAMBULAR PARA 4 OF DECLARATION WAS FORMALLY PRESENTED DECEMBER 16. HOWEVER, CZECH CHAIRMAN (GROHMANN) ACCEPTED, AND ARABS DID NOT PROTEST "SUGGESTION" , ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF 9 AND IN CONSULTATION WITH USREP, FOR 24-HOUR SUSPENSION OF DISCUSSION ON YUGOSLAV AMENDMENT TO PERMIT DELS TO CONSULT GOVERNMENTS.

2. YUGOSLAV AMENDMENT ADVANCED AS AT LEAST TENTATIVE COMPROMISE TEXT TO MEET BOTH WEO, US AND ARAB CONCERNS. ARABS PROBABLY ARE HOLDING FIRE TO SEE IF YUGOSLAV
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LANGUAGE CAN GET BROAD SUPPORT, BUT IF NOT MAY GO

FOR HARDER TEXT ON BASIS THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT VOTES.
TO WIN IN ANY CASE.

3. SENEGALESE ADVISED US THAT A MUCH STRONGER ARAB
TEXT ALREADY DRAFTED FOR DECLARATION PREAMBULAR PARA
FOUR WHICH STATES FLATLY: "RECALLING RESOLUTION 3379
OF THE UNGA WHICH CONSIDERS THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION."

4. HOWEVER, YUGOSLAV TEXT ALSO INCLUDES UNGA RES. 3351
WHICH WE UNDERSTAND LINKED "SOUTH AFRICAN RACISM" WITH
ZIONISM. PLEASE VERIFY USG POSITION ON UNGA RES. 1904.

5. ON OTHER ISSUES, THE MEETING IS PLODDING SLOWLY
THROUGH A "DISCUSSION" -- AS DISTINCT FROM VOTING -- OF
DRAFT DECLARATION. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF MOST
OF PREAMBULAR PARAS WAS COMPLETED DECEMBER 16. NOW
LIKELY THAT DRAFTING COMMITTEE WITH OPEN MEMBERSHIP
WILL BE FORMED ON DECEMBER 17. ISRAELIS HAVE INDICATED
THEIR INTENT TO PARTICIPATE. WE HOPE THAT EAST-WEST
DIVERGENCIES ALREADY APPARENT ON GENERAL NATURE OF
DRAFT DECLARATION WILL PRECLUDE ANY AGREED-UPON TEXT
COMING OUT OF DRAFTING GROUP IN WHICH WE WILL PARTICI-
PATE.

6. IN VIEW UNFAVORABLE VOTING ALIGNMENT, OUR BASIC
TACTIC CONTINUES TO BE TO EMPHASIZE CONSENSUS AND AVOID
VOTING ON SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF DRAFT DECLARATION;
SEEKING INSTEAD A REPORT AND/OR BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN
INCONCLUSIVE, ANNOTATED DRAFT DECLARATION.

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7. COMMENT: WE ARE FACED WITH A SITUATION IN WHICH THE ARABS ET AL HAVE REFRAINED FROM VIRTUALLY ANY POLEMICS AND AFRICANS HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO ELIMINATE ANY EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO ZIONISM. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE TEXT CAN BE WEAKENED MUCH MORE, ALTHOUGH WE ARE ACTIVELY EXPLORING FOR SOFT SPOTS. HOWEVER, IN THE VIEW OF USDEL, THE SAME LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS FOR THE DEFINITION OF RACISM WOULD FLOW FROM A TEXT WHICH RECALLS THE UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS FROM ONE WHICH IN ADDITION SPECIFIES THE NUMBER 3379. IN OUR VIEW IF EITHER IS FOUND IN THE PREAMBLE IT IS PERHPAS NOT INEVITABLE BUT CERTAINLY IS A FAIR CONCLUSION THAT REFERENCES TO RACISM IN THE DECLARATION TEXT SHOULD BE READ IN LIGHT OF 3379. THE CONCIL OF EUROPE MEMBERS WILL BE MEETING EARLY DECEMBER 17 TO DISCUSS THE YUGOSLAV TEXT; AT LAST READING THE FRENCH WERE WEAKENING BUT OTHERS SEEMED TO BE VERY RELUCTANT AT LEAST AT FIRST READING TO ACCEPT THE YUGOSLAV TEXT.

8. ALTHOUGH USDEL STILL HOPES TO SUCCEED IN PROCEDURAL
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STRATEGY OF FRUSTRATING ATTEMPTS BY THE XPERTS MEETING TO DEVELOP A CLEAN TEXT FOR REFERENCE TO THE GENRAL CONFERENCE, WE MUST BE PREPARED BOTH TO STATE A POSITION ON THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL AND TO KNOW HOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY THE DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO EXERCISE. FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THE PRESENT TEXT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, WOULD DEPARTMENT PREFER THE BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS AND ADOPTION OF A STRONGER REFERENCE TO ZIONISM OVER OUR OBJECTION, OR PERHAPS A LEGALLY SAFE BUT POSSIBLY STILL POLTICALLY SENSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TEXT SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING: "RECALLING RESLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNGA CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION."

9. THIS IS TECHNICALLY SAFE BECAUSE RES. 3379 DOES NOT CONDEMN RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THE DISTINCTION COULD CONCEIVABLY BE OVERLOOKED IN THE HEAT OF PASSION. ON THE OTHER HAND THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DISADVANTAGES TO THE EXPRESS MULTI-

LATERAL REAFFIRMATION THAT ZIONISM IS RACISM, REGARD-
LESS OF OUR OBJECTION, SO WE BELIEVE THE RELATIVE
ADVANTAGES OUGHT AT LEAST TO BE CONSIDERED. YOUR VIEWS
REQUESTED ASAP.END COMMENT.

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